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Dear Sir Reginald,

The Sino-Soviet conference just concluded was to my mind very useful. The device of panels, coupled with the plenary discussions, allowed inquiry into a very broad topic. I hope the general optimism of the conference is not misplaced; we do not want to look around in 1990 and discover an unmanageable environment in East Asia. Although unlikely, such an environment would severely tax current strategic calculations.

The Americans--though I don't speak for them--were cheered to discover that British, French and German experts looked at East Asia in much the same fashion as we do.

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Your staff deserve special praise for their smooth handling of correspondence, transportation and accommodations. And the surroundings at Ditchley House defy description, though I have been trying to do so to my colleagues and family.

Yours sincerely,

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